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SUBJ: ECAF: SERVICING OF UNIDO PREPCOM MEETINGS FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. SUMMARY: ARGUMENT AROSE IN FINAL HOURS OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE
OVER ISSUE OF ECAF SERVICING SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETING OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SECOND UNIDO CONFERENCE IN 1975. AFTER
SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO FIND COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FAILED, FINAL
REPORT CONTAINS MALAYSIAN FORMULATION URGING ECAF EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY AND UNIDO EX DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE
FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MEETING FOLLOWED BY U.S. RESERVATION
SUPPORTED BY JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AGAINST HOLDING
MEETINGS UNDER ECAF AUSPICES WHICH EXCLUDED SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES.
END SUMMARY.

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2. EARLIER IN DRAFTING SESSION ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIFFERENCES AROSE BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDIA ON ONE HAND AND JAPAN ON THE OTHER OVER ISSUE OF WHETHER ECAFE SECRETARIAT CAN BE ASKED TO SERVICE A MEETING WHICH EXCLUDES CERTAIN ECAFE MEMBERS. MALAYSIA AND INDIA THOUGHT THEY HAD WORKED OUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE TO SATISFY JAPAN. HOWEVER, WHEN FIRST COMPROMISE FORMULATION WAS PROPOSED, JAPAN JOINED U.S. IN OBJECTING TO EXCLUSION ASPECT.

3. LATER ATTEMPTS TO FIND ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE FAILED WHEN MALAYSIA BECAME INTRANSIGENT BECAUSE JAPAN CONTINUED TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT LEGALITY OF ECAFE SECRETARIAT FINANCING A RESTRICTED MEETING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. FINAL LANGUAGE LISTED MALAYSIAN VERSION AND U.S. RESERVATION AS MODIFIED TO SATISFY AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND. MALAYSIA THEN TACKED ON FINAL PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER STAND TAKEN BY ABOVE DELEGATIONS. PHILIPPINES ALSO SUPPORTED THIS FINAL PARAGRAPH.

5. COMMENT: MALAYSIAN DELEGATE WAS PERSONALLY PROVOKED BY JAPANESE UNWILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT MALAYSIA/INDIA DRAFT. HIS IRRITATION INCREASED NOTICEABLY WHEN HIS APPEAL TO "ASIAN BROTHERHOOD" ELICITED NO CHANGE IN JAPANESE POSITION. WHILE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LATE AT NIGHT IN THE LAST HOURS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WAS UNFORTUNATE, IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE ON THIS ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE REGARDING ECAFE SECRETARIAT SERVICING OF SEPARATE EXCLUSIVE MEETINGS.
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